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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE
THE SECRETARY OF WAR
THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
THE PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRESIDENT

Subject: National Intelligence Requirements - China

Pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 3 of N.I.A. Directive No. 1, the Director of Central Intelligence and the Intelligence Advisory Board have unanimously agreed to act for the National Intelligence Authority in approving the enclosed Directive, which is circulated herewith.


Acting Secretary, N.I.A.

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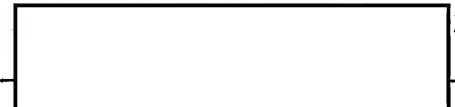
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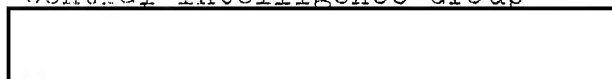


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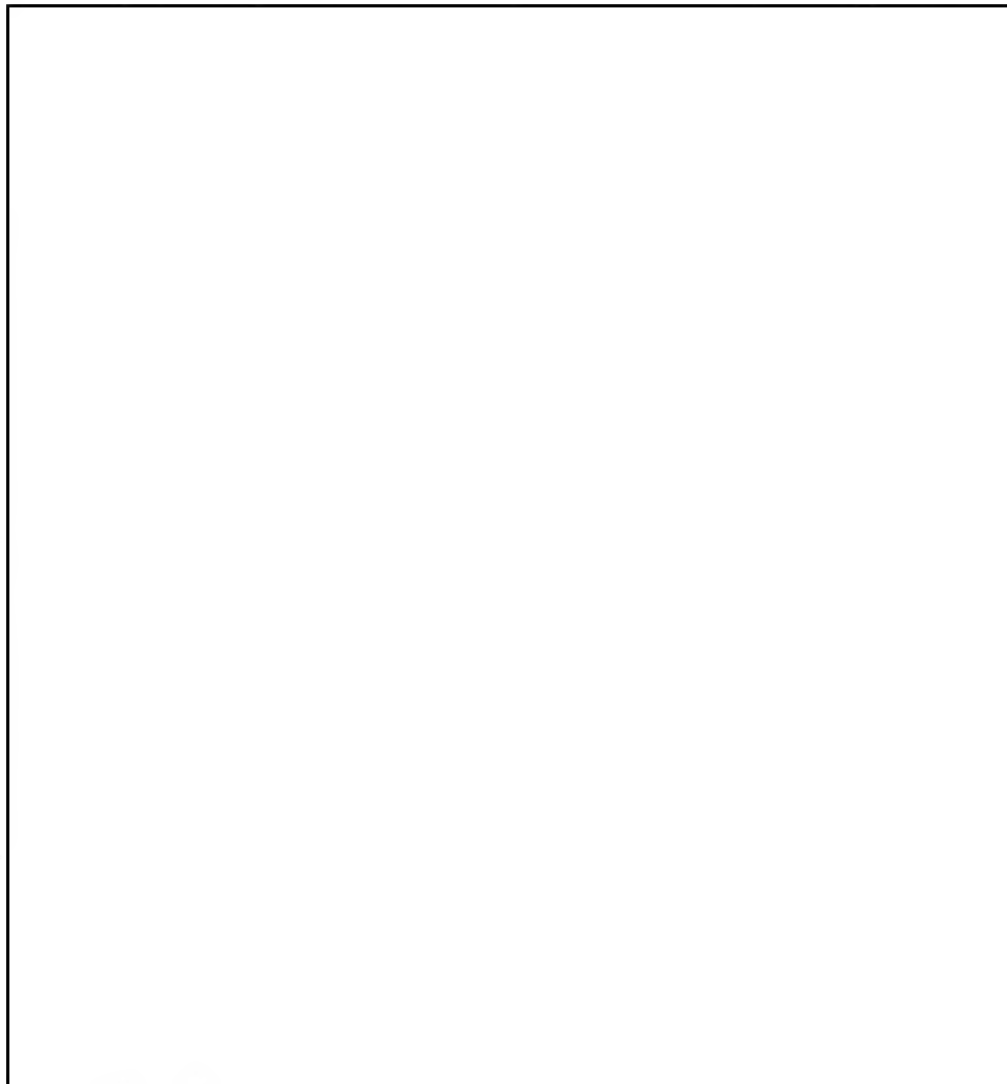
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
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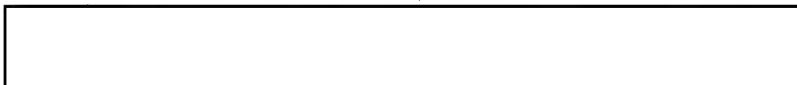


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B. NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OBJECTIVES

1. The National Intelligence Objectives are announced as a guide to the production of intelligence pertaining to the  area which, when met, would fully satisfy the Current



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